

**In the Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A messaging system arranged to allow a user to send a pre-specified ~~standard~~ message to a destination party mail box, said messaging system comprising a communications network comprising:-

- a) a messaging server arranged to store a plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages ~~specific to said user~~; and
- b) an input to the communications network arranged to receive a ~~user input~~ information from said user identifying a user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified messages and an indication of a destination party associated with said destination party mail box, and to communicate said information to the messaging server; and
- c) ~~—— a destination party mail box~~;

wherein when ~~a specified~~ the user input information indicative of the destination party is received from said user at the input messaging server, a the user selected one of said plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages is sent to the destination party mail box from the messaging server.

2. (original) A messaging system as claimed in claim 1 wherein said input comprises a terminal connected to the communications network and comprising a user interface.

3. (previously presented) A messaging system as claimed in claim 2 wherein the terminal is connected to the messaging server via a communications network node being a private branch exchange.

4. (currently amended) A messaging system as claimed in claim 1 wherein the messaging server comprises a processor arranged to append information received from a user to the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~

messages.

5. (currently amended) A messaging system as claimed in claim 1 wherein the messaging server comprises a processor arranged to append information received from a user to the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages to create a combined message such that in use the messaging server is later able to separate the appended information from the combined message.

6. (currently amended) A messaging system as claimed in claim 5 wherein the processor is arranged to create the combined message such that, in use, when the combined message is displayed to a user the appended information is displayed as part of the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages.

7. (original) A messaging system as claimed in claim 1 wherein the messaging server is a multimedia messaging server.

8. (original) A messaging system as claimed in claim 1 wherein the destination party mail box is located on a second messaging server.

9. (currently amended) A messaging system as claimed in claim 3 wherein the communications network node is arranged to route the additional information to the messaging server together with one or more control signals that are arranged to indicate that the additional information is to be appended to a user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages.

10. (currently amended) A messaging system as claimed in claim 1 wherein the plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages are stored in a mail box on the messaging server, said mail box being associated with the user.

11. (currently amended) A method of sending a pre-specified message ~~specific to a user~~, from ~~said a~~ user to a destination party mail box in a communications network, said method comprising the steps of:-

- (i) storing a plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages at a

messaging server in the communications network;

(ii) receiving ~~an input~~ information from said user, said ~~input information~~ information indicating that a user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages is to be sent to the destination party mail box, said information indicative of a destination party associated with said destination party mail box, and communicating said information to the messaging server; and

(iii) in response to the user information indicative of the destination party being received at the messaging server sending the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages from the messaging server to the destination party mail box.

12. (original) A method as claimed in claim 11 wherein the input is received via a terminal.

13. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 12 which further comprises setting up a call between the terminal and the messaging server and receiving information from the user via this call, to be appended to the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages.

14. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 13 wherein the call is routed via a communications network node between the terminal and the messaging server and wherein that communications network node is arranged to send a control signal to the messaging server, indicating that the received information is to be appended to the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages.

15. (currently amended) A messaging server for sending a pre-specified message ~~specific to a user,~~ from said a user to a destination party mail box in a communications network, said messaging server comprising:-

- (i) a store containing a plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages;
- (ii) an input arranged to receive information from said user, said information indicating that a user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages is to be sent to the destination party mail box, said information indicative of a destination party associated with the destination party mail box, and to communicate said information to the messaging server;
- (iii) a processor arranged to send the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages to the destination party mail box in response to receipt of said user information indicative of the destination party.

16. (currently amended) A communications network comprising a destination party mail box and a messaging server for sending a pre-specified message ~~specific to a user,~~ from said user to the destination party mail box, said messaging server comprising:-

- (i) a store containing a plurality of pre-specified standard messages ~~specific to said user;~~
- (ii) an input arranged to receive information from said user, said information indicating that a user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages is to be sent to the destination party mail box, said information indicative of a destination party associated with the destination party mail box, and to communicate said information to the messaging server; and
- (iii) a processor arranged to send the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages to the destination party mail box in response to receipt of said user information indicative of the

destination party.

17. (currently amended) A computer program stored on a computer readable medium, said computer program being for controlling a messaging server for sending a pre-specified message ~~specific to a user~~, from said a user to a destination party mail box in a communications network, said computer program being arranged to control the messaging server such that:-

(i) a store containing a plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages is accessed;

(ii) information is received at an input from said user, said information indicating that a user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages is to be sent to the destination party mail box, said information indicative of a destination party associated with the destination party mail box, and to communicate said information to the messaging serve;

(iii) the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages is sent to the destination party mail box by a processor in response to receipt of said user information indicative of the destination party.

18. (cancelled).

19. (cancelled)

20. (currently amended) A messaging system arranged to allow a user to send a pre-specified message to a destination party mail box, said messaging system comprising a communications network comprising:-

a) a messaging server arranged to store a plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages ~~specific to said user~~;

b) an input to the communications network arranged to receive a user input information from said user, said information indicating that a user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified messages is to be sent to the destination party mail box, said information indicative of a destination party associated with the destination party mail box, and to communicate said information to the messaging server; and

c) wherein when a specified the user input information indicative of the destination party is received from said user at the input messaging server, a the user selected one of said plurality of pre-specified standard messages is sent to the destination party mail box from the messaging server;

wherein the messaging system further comprises a processor arranged to append spoken information received from the user to the user selected one of said plurality of pre-specified standard messages prior to it being sent to the destination party mail box.

21. (previously presented) A messaging system as claimed in claim 20 wherein said input comprises a user terminal connected to the communications network and comprising a user interface.

22. (currently amended) A messaging system as claimed in claim 21 wherein, in response to a ~~further~~ user input, said processor is arranged to establish a call between the user terminal and the messaging system to receive from said user the spoken information to be appended to the user selected one of said plurality of pre-specified standard messages.

23. (currently amended) A messaging system as claimed in claim 20 wherein the processor is arranged to append the spoken information received from the user to the user selected one of said plurality of pre-specified standard messages to create a combined message such that the messaging server is later able to separate the appended spoken information from the combined message.

24. (currently amended) A messaging system as claimed in claim 20 wherein the plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages is stored in a mail box on the messaging server, said mail box being associated with the user.

25. (currently amended) A method of sending a pre-specified message from a user to a destination party mail box in a communications network, said method comprising the steps of:-

- (i) storing a plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages at a messaging server in the communications network;
- (ii) receiving ~~an input~~ information from said user, said ~~input information~~ information indicating that a user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages is to be sent to the destination party mail box, said information indicative of a destination party associated with said destination party mail box, and communicating said information to the messaging server; and
- (iii) in response to the user information indicative of the destination party being received at the messaging server sending the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages from the messaging server to the destination party mail box;

wherein, prior to sending the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages to the destination party mail box, the method comprises the further step of appending spoken information received from the user to the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages.

26. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 25 wherein the input is received via a user terminal.

27. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 26 which further comprises setting up a call between the user terminal and the messaging server and receiving

the spoken information from the user via this call, to be appended to the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages.

28. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 25 wherein it further comprises appending the spoken information received from the user to the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages to create a combined message such that the messaging server is later able to separate the appended spoken information from the combined message.

29. (currently amended) A messaging server for sending a pre-specified message from a user to a destination party mail box in a communications network, said messaging server comprising:-

- (i) a store containing a plurality of pre-specified standard messages ~~specific to said user~~;
- (ii) an input arranged to receive information from said user, said information indicating that a user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages is to be sent to the destination party mail box, said information indicative of a destination party associated with the destination party mail box, and to communicate said information to the messaging server; and
- (iii) a processor arranged to send the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages to the destination party mail box in response to receipt of said user information indicative of the destination party;

wherein the processor is arranged to append spoken information received from the user to the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages prior to it being sent to the destination party mail box.

30. (currently amended) A communications network comprising a destination party



mail box and a messaging server for sending a pre-specified message from a user to the destination party mail box, said messaging server comprising:-

- (i) a store containing a plurality of pre-specified standard messages ~~specific to said user~~;
- (ii) an input arranged to receive information from said user, said information indicating that a user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages is to be sent to the destination party mail box, said information indicative of a destination party associated with the destination party mail box, and to communicate said information to the messaging server; and
- (iii) a processor arranged to send the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages to the destination party mail box in response to receipt of said user information indicative of the destination party;

wherein the processor is arranged to append spoken information received from the user to the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages prior to it being sent to the destination party mail box.

31. (currently amended) A computer program stored on a computer readable medium, said computer program being for controlling a messaging server for sending a pre-specified message from a user to a destination party mail box in a communications network, said computer program being arranged to control the messaging server such that:-

- (i) a store containing a plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages is accessed;
- (ii) information is received at an input from said user, said information indicating that a user selected one of the plurality of pre-

specified ~~standard~~ messages is to be sent to the destination party mail box, said information indicative of a destination party associated with the destination party mail box, and to communicate said information to the messaging serve;

(iii) the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages is sent to the destination party mail box by a processor in response to receipt of said user information indicative of the destination party;

and the processor is arranged to append spoken information received from the user to the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified ~~standard~~ messages prior to it being sent to the destination party mail box.

32. (new) A messaging system for a telephony enabled communications network, said messaging system being arranged to allow a user to send a pre-specified message to a destination party mail box, said messaging system comprising:-

- a) a messaging server arranged to store a plurality of pre-specified messages;
- b) a telephony terminal arranged to receive a user input from said user; and
- c) a destination party mail box;

wherein when a specified user input is received from said user at the telephony terminal, a user selected one of said plurality of pre-specified messages is sent to the destination party mail box from the messaging server; and

wherein the messaging system is configured such that no call needs to be set up between the terminal and the destination party mail box for sending said user

selected one of said plurality of pre-specified messages to the destination party mail box.